

NOTICE OF PENDING LEGISLATION

DATE

21 February 1956

LEGISLATIVE BILL NO.

S. 3199

SECTION I

GENERAL

TO : Comptroller
OGC ✓FROM: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

THE ATTACHED BILL, WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS, IS:

☐ SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**OGC HAS REVIEWED.**☐ A BILL ON WHICH FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ☐ IS ☐ IS NOT PREDICTED.**XXX** SENT FOR YOUR COMMENT AS TO WHETHER IT IS OF INTEREST TO CIA ACTIVITIES, AND WHETHER FURTHER ACTION BY THIS OFFICE IS NECESSARY OR DESIRED.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS LEGISLATION BE FORWARDED, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, TO THIS OFFICE, BY

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SECTION II

COMMENTS (From Original Addressee)

TO : LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: Office of General Counsel

STATINTL

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1. The proposed bill, which is to implement Hoover Commission recommendations, would amend the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, and the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950. It would require a number of technical changes in procedures and systems of Government accounts. Mr. [REDACTED] indicates that at least some of these would be unworkable. In any event, he intends to comment on these provisions. The Agency has also commented to the Bureau of the Budget on the pertinent Hoover recommendations.

STATINTL

2. The net effect of the bill would be to confer upon the Bureau of the Budget considerable direct authority in Government accounting. It would:

- a. Require each Agency to submit to the Bureau of the Budget annual performance reports and the Director of Budget to submit to the President an annual performance report "for all the departments and establishments" (section 1(b)).
- b. Authorize the Director of the Budget to place in each Agency personnel from the Bureau of the Budget who would maintain a continuous review of budget procedures.
- c. Direct each Agency to take appropriate action, "under the general supervision of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget", to achieve insofar as is possible consistency in its organizational structure, budget classifications, and accounting systems, (section 2a).
- d. Direct each Agency head "with the advice of" Budget to appoint a Comptroller who would establish systems, recruit and train personnel and develop "reliable and informative financial reports for internal management purposes and for submission to Congress and the various executive agencies."

3.

[REDACTED] It might also invite Budget and perhaps Congressional criticism since, on a comparative basis, the product of this Agency

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suggested, therefore, that the Legislative Counsel keep an eye on the progress of the bill and, if its progress justifies such action, the Agency consider requesting that a specific exemption for CIA be written into the bill.